Orientation for Associate Chairs and Associate Deans
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As a hub of research and expertise, the Writing Centre will foster excellence in written, spoken, and visual communication within the University of Waterloo community.
Our Mission

The Writing Centre engages, encourages, and empowers members of the University of Waterloo community to better articulate ideas while meeting the varied expectations of their disciplines and vocations.

To achieve our mission, we deliver timely and focused individualized teaching at all stages of the composition process. We help students, staff, and faculty:

- Synthesize, integrate, and share best practices in communication
- Experience their work as others do
- Support and promote a lively, cross-disciplinary writing culture on campus and online
- Develop skills and strategies that last a lifetime
Three Themes

The work of the Writing Centre follows three main themes:

1. Direct-to-student support

Through appointments and drop-ins, workshops, learning resources, and comprehensive programs, provide one-to-one and group support for all disciplinary genres and modes of communication.

2. Classroom-integrated and customized support

Collaborate with faculty and staff to provide classroom-integrated support, individualized programs for specific academic units to develop students’ discipline-specific competencies.

3. Research and campus leadership

Advance scholarship on writing and communication practice and pedagogy through research, and collaborate with on-campus partners to develop events that highlight the value of communication excellence.
Undergraduate Students

In-Class
Drop-ins
Resources
Appointments

English Practice

Academic Integrity
Graduate Students & Postdocs

- In-Class Appointments
- Dissertation Boot Camp
- Writing groups
- English Practice
- Professionalization
- ADDS Certification
A Partnership

- Communication excellence
  - Foundational outcomes
  - Classroom support / out-of-class support

- Productivity and professionalism
  - Thesis and dissertation support
  - Faculty writers
  - Grant writing support
  - Career documents
  - 3MT